

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the Senate Amendments to H.R. 801, the Veterans' Opportunities Act—clearing the measure for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5571–S5662

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 945–963, S. Res. 94, and S. Con. Res. 43. **Pages S5615–16**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 88, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of membership of the United States on the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

S. Con. Res. 35, expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

S. Con. Res. 42, condemning the Taleban for their discriminatory policies and for other purposes.

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Measures Passed:

Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 801, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for CHAMPVA, to provide for family coverage and retroactive expansion of the increase in maximum benefits under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and to make technical amendments, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5574–77**

Thomas (for Specter/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 790, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5574–77**

Recognizing Armed Forces: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, to designate May 28, 2001, as a special day for recognizing the sacrifices of the members of the Armed Forces killed in hostile action since the end of the Vietnam War. **Pages S5638–58**

Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center: Senate passed S. 378, to redesignate the Federal building

located at 3348 South Kedzie Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center". **Page S5658**

James C. Corman Federal Building: Senate passed S. 468, to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "James C. Corman Federal Building". **Page S5658**

Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 757, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 West Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse". **Page S5658**

Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 774, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse". **Page S5658**

Wildland Fire Management: Senate passed H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5658**

Tax Relief Reconciliation Amendment Modified: By unanimous-consent, Boxer Amendment No. 767, to extend the work opportunity credit to encourage the hiring of certain veterans, which fell on a point of order, to H.R. 1836, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act (as passed the Senate on May 24, 2001), was modified. **Page S5638**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the National Emergencies with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Kosovo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-23) **Page S5610**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of emergency with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) the Bosnian Serbs, and Kosovo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-24)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas 47 nays (Vote No. 167), Theodore Bevy Olson, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States. (Prior to this action, Senate discharged the Committee on the Judiciary from further consideration.)

By 96 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. 168), Viet D. Dinh, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

By 95 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. 169), Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Stephen A. Perry, of Ohio, to be Administrator of General Services.

Maurice A. Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Erik Patrick Christian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Angela Styles, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

Maureen Patricia Cragin, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Lee Sarah Liberman Otis, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Leo S. Mackay, Jr., of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Robin L. Higgins, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Romolo A. Bernardi, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

John Charles Weicher, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Linda J. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jacob Lozada, of Puerto Rico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Richard A. Hauser, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Thomas E. White, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Army.

James G. Roche, of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S5578-S5603, S5659-60, S5661-62**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jennifer L. Dorn, of Nebraska, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Bennett William Raley, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Howard H. Leach, of California, to be Ambassador to France.

Sarah V. Hart, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice.

James Edward Rogan, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Thomas P. Christie, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Sue McCourt Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

Eileen J. O'Connor, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Arthur F. Rosenfeld, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

Odessa F. Vincent, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—169) **Pages S5601–03**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 25, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5660.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 211 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DECIMALIZED MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded hearings on the recent conversion of quotations in equity securities and options from fractional to decimal pricing and the effects that this change has on market dynamics and trading behavior, after receiving testimony from Laura S. Unger, Acting Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; J. Patrick Campbell, Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., and Peter Jenkins, Zurich Scudder Investments, both of Washington, D.C.; Catherine R. Kinney, New York Stock Exchange, Donald D. Kittell, Securities Industry Association, and Robert B. Fagenson, Van der Moolen Specialists USA, all of New York, New York; and Kenneth D. Pasternak, Knight Trading Group, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Kathleen Q. Abernathy, of Maryland, Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, and Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, each to be a Member, all of the Federal Communications Commission, Timothy J. Muris, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer, and Sean B. O'Hollaren, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, both of the Department of Transportation, and Kathleen B. Cooper, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary/Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and Bruce P. Mehlman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, all of the Department of Commerce.

U.S. ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the Administration's National Energy Policy report, and Price-Anderson Act provisions of pending energy legislation, including S. 388, to protect the energy and security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50% by the year 2011 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies; improve environmental quality by reducing emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases; mitigate the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, S. 472, to ensure that nuclear energy continues to contribute to the supply of electricity in the United States, and S. 597, to provide for a comprehensive and balanced national energy policy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Con. Res. 35, expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon;

S. Con. Res. 42, condemning the Taleban for their discriminatory policies;

S. Res. 88, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of membership of the United States on the United Nations Human Rights Commission; and

S. Res. 91, condemning the murder of a United States citizen and other civilians, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the failure of the Indonesian judicial system to hold accountable those responsible for the killings, proposed legislation condemning the practices of the Taleban, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Stephen Brauer, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium, William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Lorne W. Craner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Ruth A. Davis, of Georgia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Donald Burnham Ensenat, of Louisiana, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of

service, Carl W. Ford, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, A. Elizabeth Jones, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, Walter H. Kansteiner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Paul Vincent Kelly, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and Christina B. Rocca, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, all of the Department of State, Peter S. Watson, of California, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and certain Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism concluded hearings to examine issues related to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, including the Administration's democracy promotion and human rights policy, the importance of maintaining leadership in this field, and the impact of the United States' recent loss of membership in the Commission, after receiving testimony from Paula J. Dobrianski, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs; and Nina Shea, Freedom House Center for Religious Freedom, and Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, D.C.

HUMAN TISSUE INDUSTRY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held oversight hearings to examine alleged problems in the human tissue industry, such as claims of excessive charges and profit making within the industry, problems in obtaining appropriate informed consent from donor families, issues related to quality control in processing tissue, and whether current regulatory efforts are adequate to ensure the safety of human tissue transplants, receiving testimony from George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, and Kathryn C. Zoon, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Valerie J. Rao, Florida District Five Medical Examiner's Office, Leesburg; P. Robert Rigney, Jr., American Association of Tissue Banks, McLean, Virginia; and William F. Minogue, Washington Regional Transplant Consortium, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

PATIENT SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues surrounding Congress' role in increasing patient safety in the health care system, including proposals that would reflect the Institute of Medicine's report recommendations to establish a center for quality improvement and safety to fund research and disseminate information about patient safety, while provide for confidentiality protections of this information, after receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury; Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; James P. Bagian, Director, National Center for Patient Safety, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lucian L. Leape, Harvard School of Public Health, and Donald M. Berwick, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, both of Boston, Massachusetts; and John R. Brumsted, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, Vermont, on behalf of the Vermont Program for Quality Health Care.

PHARMACEUTICAL MARKETPLACE COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine competition in the pharmaceutical marketplace, focusing on the antitrust implications of patent settlements, the underlying patent law, pattern of cases, and whether the law needs to be changed, after receiving testimony from Gary Buehler, Acting Director, Office of Generic Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Molly Boast, Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; James M. Griffin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Utah Attorney General Mark L. Shurtleff, Salt Lake City.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Leo S. Mackay, Jr., of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, Robin L. Higgins, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Maureen Patricia Cragin, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Jacob Lozada, of Puerto Rico, to be Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1980–2009; 2 private bills, H.R. 2010–2011; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 143–144, and H. Res. 148, 151, and 152, were introduced. **Pages H2709–11, H2712**

Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

H.R. 691, to extend the authorization of funding for child passenger protection education grants through fiscal year 2003 (H. Rept. 107–78);

H.R. 1699, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2002 (H. Rept. 107–79);

H. Res. 149, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–80);

H. Res. 150, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–81);

H.R. 1140, to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries, amended (H. Rept. 107–82, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 1542, to deregulate the Internet and high speed data services, amended (H. Rept. 107–83, Pt. 1). **Page H2709**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, May 23 by a yea-and-nay vote of 336 yeas to 71 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 147. **Pages H2681, H2685–86**

Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 801, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to provide for family coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H2687–92**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Extension of National Emergency re Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Kosovo: Message wherein he transmitted his notice stating that the national emergency declared with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in 1992 and with respect to Kosovo in 1998 are to continue beyond May 30, 2001 and June 9, 2001, respectively—referred to the Committee on Inter-

national Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–76); and **Pages H2692–93**

Six Month Periodic Report on the National Emergency re Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Kosovo: Message wherein he transmitted a six month periodic report on the National Emergency with respect to Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) declared in Executive Order 12808 on May 30, 1992 and with respect to the Kosovo emergency declared in Executive Order 13088 on June 9, 1998—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–77). **Page H2693**

Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Mr. R. Thomas Buffenbarger of Brookeville, Maryland to the Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry. **Page H2700**

Meeting Hour—Friday, May 25: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 25. **Page H2687**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 5:01 p.m. **Pages H2686–87**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2687.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H2685–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW—MANDATORY LIVESTOCK REPORTING

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review mandatory livestock price reporting. Testimony was heard from Kenneth C. Clayton, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education held a hearing on the SSA and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Testimony was heard from Larry J. Massanari, Acting Commissioner, SSA; and Robert T. Coonrod, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting

**VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued hearings on HUD. Testimony was heard from Mel R. Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

ELECTRICITY EMERGENCY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Heard opening statements, but no action was taken on H.R. 1647, Electricity Emergency Act of 2001.

Will continue tomorrow.

**UNFUNDED MANDATES—REVIEW AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE**

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Technology and the House of the Committee on Rules held a joint hearing on “Unfunded Mandates-A Five-Year Review and Recommendations for Change.” Testimony was heard from Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Director, OMB; and public witnesses.

VOTING TECHNOLOGY

Committee on House Administration: Continued hearings on Voting Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ANNUAL REPORT—U.S. COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Annual Report of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: Elliott Abrams, Chairman; Rabbi David Saperstein, Laila Al-Marayati, M.D., and Nina Shea, all Commissioners.

**CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT—PROHIBIT
PHYSICAL DESECRATION OF THE FLAG**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H. J. Res. 36, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

FIGHTING CYBER CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on “Fighting Cyber Crime: Efforts by State and Local Officials.” Testimony was heard from Ronald R. Stevens, Senior Investigator, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, State Police, New York; Michael T. McCaul, Deputy Attorney General,

Criminal Justice, State of Texas; and a public witness.

**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT
REAUTHORIZATION**

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives George Miller of California, Pelosi, Thompson of California and Davis of California; Margaret Davidson, Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Louise Lawrence, Chief, Resource Conservation, Department of Agriculture, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

**SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE
COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of May 25, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of any measure to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

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**POTENTIAL OF EXTENDED AND DOUBLE
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Energy Conservation Potential of Extended and Double Daylight Savings Time. Testimony was heard from Representative Sherman; Linda

Lawson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

ELIMINATING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology held a joint hearing on Eliminating the Digital Divide—Who Will Wire Rural America? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIRPORT RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Airport Runway Construction Challenges. Testimony was heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; David Krietor, Aviation Director, Aviation Department, Phoenix, Arizona; Virginia Buckingham, Executive Director and CEO, Massachusetts Port Authority; John Martin, Airport Director, San Francisco International Airport; and public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY MONTGOMERY GI BILL ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on H.R. 1291, 21st Century Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Pickering; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Vice

Adm. Patricia Tracey, USN, Deputy Secretary, Personnel; Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, U.S. Army; Vice Adm. Norbert Ryan, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, U.S. Navy; Lt. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lt. Gen. Donald Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, U.S. Air Force; Rear Adm. R. Dennis Sirois, USCG, Director, Reserve and Training, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; the following officials of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century: Gen. Charles Boyd, USAF (Ret.), Executive Director; and Adm. Harry D. Train II, USN (Ret.) member; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

Hearings continue June 7.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up H.R. 1647, Electricity Emergency Act of 2001, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, May 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, May 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business, Senate may consider the Tax Reconciliation Conference Report.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 1836, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act (Subject to a Rule).

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